



# Shamrock Times

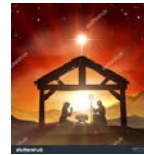


St. Patrick Catholic School

December 2017



## Wishing you a Merry Christmas! St. Patrick School .... a great little school to believe in!



On behalf of all of the staff and students at St. Patrick Catholic School, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's **Christmas Wish Campaign and Operation Christmas Child!** Students participated in a number of Fun Family Challenges and altogether, the school raised over \$500.00 for Christmas Wish! In addition, students were able to fill 14 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thanks so much for your continued support!

As we begin to make preparations for the Season of Advent, we will be gathering each Monday morning to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Our **Advent Mass** with Father Wayne will also take place on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in the gym. All are welcome to join us! During the month of December, we will also continue to learn about the virtue of LOVE and God's love for us!



-Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Please note that students do not attend the performance due to lack of space, but they are able to view the dress rehearsal the day before. Also, parents are reminded that each student is part of the **Grande Finale** so students are not able to be picked up until the very end! It will be worth the wait!



-The **St. Patrick School Annual Advent Turkey Dinner** will take place on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the gym! On this day, we will gather in the gym as one big family to enjoy a traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. There is no cost to the students as the staff will prepare the meal. Students may also bring their own lunches should they choose to do so!

### December Birthdays!

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Tyger H.      Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - William H.  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Caleb N.    Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Finn S.  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Bianca N.    Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Jada S.  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Phia P.      Dec 27<sup>th</sup> - Alix M.  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - Sophia M.



-Our next **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Parents are welcome to attend!



Don't forget the **CWL Christmas Craft and Bake Sale this Saturday in the gym from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** The Grade 7/8 class will be selling chili for lunch! We hope that you will come out to support both of these groups!

**DECEMBER CURRICULUM FOCUS** - In Mathematics, students will focus on Number Sense and Numeration (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In Reading, students will focus on making connections in order to extend understanding and in Writing students will continue to focus on the explanatory writing form.

-On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, students from JK-Grade 8 will have the opportunity to see the newly released Christmas movie **“The Star” at the Empire Theatre in New Liskeard at 1:00 p.m.** “The Star” is the story of the very first Christmas as told through the eyes of the stable animals. There is no cost to the students to attend ... however, we do ask that each student bring in a **non-perishable food item** for our Christmas Hampers.



-Thanks so much for participating in our **Thornloe Cheese Fundraiser!** If you have not already done so, please send in all order forms ASAP. If you did not have a chance to participate but would like to make a **donation** to your child’s class, please be in touch with Mrs. Purdy. All of the funds raised will go directly back to each of the classes for their excursions and educational activities.



**Attendance Matters!**  
Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. Please note that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board now has an **Attendance Counsellor**. Should you or your child require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Meunier at 705-531-3075 Ext. 3511 or email: [kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca](mailto:kmeunier@ncdsb.on.ca)



**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, St. Patrick Parish will be celebrating special masses to mark this sacred day. Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join in this sacred celebration.



**The Work of Christmas**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music from the heart.

**(Dan Forrest)**



**Wishing you  
and  
your loved ones a  
Blessed  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**

**L. Hurtubise,  
Principal**

